Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in South Dakota and in the nation and is the costliest disease with direct and indirect costs estimated to be $228 billion; and,

Whereas, Nearly 2,200 Americans die of cardiovascular disease each day, an average of one death every 39 seconds; and,

Whereas, An estimated 785,000 people in the United States will have a new coronary attack, and estimated 470,000 people nationwide will have a recurrent attack; and,

Whereas, Research is clear that there are preventive strategies, as well as community-based strategies that can increase survival rates from cardiovascular disease; and,

Whereas, The American Heart Association's 2020 impact goal seeks to improve the cardiovascular health of all Americans by 20 percent while reducing deaths from cardiovascular diseases and stroke through research, population and community level interventions, public health and policy measures; and,

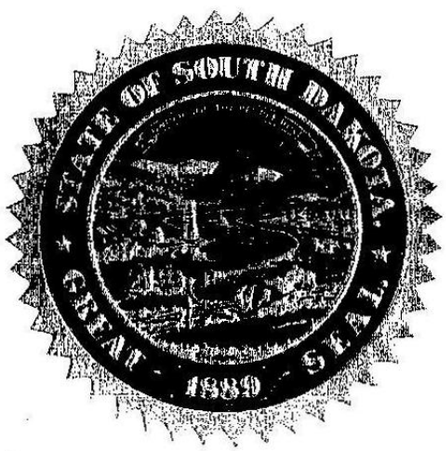
Whereas, Efforts of the American Heart Association encourages citizens to help save lives by calling 9-1-1 if symptoms occur, become trained in CPR, and encourage comprehensive automated external defibrillator (AED) programs in their communities; and,

Whereas, The American Heart Association is celebrating February 2011 as American Heart Month and promoting education and awareness by encouraging citizens to learn the warning signs of heart attack and stroke; and,

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the State of South Dakota, in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease, do hereby proclaim February 2011 as

AMERICAN HEART MONTH

in South Dakota, and I urge our citizens to recognize the critical importance of tools and skills that will increase survival rates from cardiac arrest. By incorporating these tools into aggressive programs, we can save thousands of lives each year.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of January in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State